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Traffic Delays Expected May 14-15 on State Route 33 in Ventura County Due to Highway Project

Caltrans Aims to Stabilize Slopes and Limit Rock Slides to Prevent Road Closures

VENTURA — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists to expect traffic delays of up to 30 minutes Monday and Tuesday, May 14-15, on State Route 33 about six miles north of Ojai due to intermittent road closures for a construction project.

The closures and resulting delays are expected between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on both days, one-fourth of a mile north of Matilija Hot Springs Road in Los Padres National Forest.

Route 33 will be closed in both directions intermittently while a helicopter and a ground crew install rockfall netting on a slope adjacent to the roadway near post mile 15.7 in a rural area of Ventura County. The metal net is designed to control rock slides and help prevent highway closures due to slides.

Because of the expected delays, drivers are advised to allow extra travel time and consider using an alternate route if possible.

Burns-Pacific Construction Inc. of Thousand Oaks is the prime contractor on the \$4.7 million project, which includes removal of landslide debris; removal of loose and unstable material on slopes; repair of guard rails; cleaning and repair of the highway drainage system; repairs on the shoulder of the roadway; and other work along more than 36 miles of Route 33 from Matilija Hot Springs Road to Corral Canyon Creek.

The project is paid for by state funds. The public will see more pavement and drainage repairs and maintenance on California highways in the future as a result of SB 1, the state's new transportation funding.

Drivers are urged to exercise extra care in the construction zone and obey the posted speed limit. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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